GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to acute shortage of cables, expansion work of the Telephone Exchanges has come to stand-still in Rajasthan, especially in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the requirement and the quantity of cables provided during 2000-2001;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the requirement of cable for the current financial year to meet the scheduled target of new telephone exchanges; and

(d) if so, steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirement of cables in the State especially Barmer and Jaisalmer districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However the details of cable requirement and cable laid during 2000-2001 in Rajasthan are given below:-

	Rajasthan	Barmer SSA (SSA-Secondary Switching Area)	Jaisalmer SSA
Cable requirement	24.3749 LCKM	0.5075 LCKM	0.2688 LCKM
(as per justification)			
Cable available in Stock As on 1.4.2000 & cable Allotted during 2000-01	29.8390 LCKM	0.5501 LCKM	0.4397 LCKM
Cable laid	23.9071 LCKM	0.4497 LCKM	0.3753 LCKM

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rajasthan Telecom Circle was already having 5.375 LCK M (Lakh Conductor Kilo Meter) of PIJF (Polythene Insulated Jelly Fillec cable as on 1.4.2001 and 1.862 LCKM was in pipe line. The tender for procurement of additional PIJF cable is already in process of finalisation and additional cable shall be allotted to Rajashtan circle based on their targets for the year 2001-2002. The subsequent allotment to Barmer and Jaisalmer districts shall be made by circle as per their requirements.